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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yoshiaki SHIMIZU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/814,648

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 5902

Examiner: Geoffrey S. Mruk

Filed: April 1, 2004

For: LIQUID EJECTING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

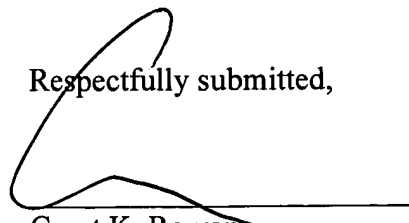
This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2006, for the above-identified application

Applicants elect Species 1, claims 1-9, drawn to a liquid ejecting apparatus comprising control means for controlling an operation of said tube pump, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Species 2, claims 10-16.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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